



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 15, 2016
Schedule 3**

PLEASE NOTE: January 26 – Bill request deadline.
February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 15, 2016

SB 118 Senator Simonaire

INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND HUNGER RELIEF FUND

Establishing a specified income tax checkoff system for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Hunger Relief Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on the individual income tax return; requiring the Comptroller to include in each individual income tax return package a description of the purposes for which the Maryland Hunger Relief Fund was established and the purposes for which the Fund may be used; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HU, § 5-609 and TG, § 2-113.2 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 119 Senator Simonaire**BUSINESS REGULATION – BUSINESS DISCOUNTS AND PREFERENCES FOR VETERANS – IDENTIFICATION**

Requiring specified businesses that offer discounts or preferences on products or services to veterans to accept a valid driver's license or identification card with a notation of veteran status as verification of veteran status for purposes of claiming the discount or preference; and establishing a civil penalty of \$100 for each violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, § 19-104 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 120 Senator Simonaire**HIGHER EDUCATION – SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS – AWARDS**

Authorizing the recipients of senatorial scholarships to hold an award for a fifth undergraduate academic year or for a semester subsequent to a fourth undergraduate academic year if the recipient makes a specified request, is a full-time student, continues to be a resident of the State, continues to be a student at the institution and takes courses leading to a degree, and has exhausted the funds available during the previous 4 years of study; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, §§ 18-404(b), 18-406(a), and 18-408 - amended and § 18-406.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 121 Senator Simonaire**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MODIFICATION OF SENTENCES**

Allowing a motion for modification of sentence to be filed within 90 days after imposition of a sentence; prohibiting a court from increasing a sentence on a motion for modification of sentence; prohibiting a court from reducing a sentence below the sentencing guidelines; requiring that the State's Attorney provide notice to victims regarding a motion for modification of sentence and whether there will be a hearing; prohibiting a court from revising a sentence after 5 years from the date of sentencing; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CP, § 6-234 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 122 Senator Simonaire**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – RECONSIDERATIONS OF SENTENCES – REPORTING**

Repealing a requirement that a specified report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy review specified increases in specified sentences; requiring the Commission to annually report specified information about reconsiderations of sentences for crimes of violence; and requiring the Commission to review each judicial circuit's compliance with providing data about specified reconsiderations of sentences.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 6-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 123 Senator Simonaire**INTERSTATE BOATING VIOLATOR COMPACT**

Authorizing the Governor to enter into the Interstate Boating Violator Compact; providing the purposes of the Compact are to provide a means for party states to participate in a specified reciprocal program and to provide for the fair and impartial treatment of boating violators operating within party states; providing for a Board of Boating Compact Administrators for specified purposes; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt specified regulations; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, §§ 8-801 through 8-804 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 124 Senator Serafini**INCOME TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2016**

Reducing the State individual income tax rates over a 3–year period.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 125 Senator Serafini**VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM – EXEMPTIONS**

Creating an exception for qualified hybrid vehicles to the requirement that specified motor vehicles that are exempt from the vehicle emissions inspection program be driven not more than 5,000 miles annually; altering the information that owners of motor vehicles are required to certify to qualify for specified exemptions from the vehicle emissions inspection program; defining the term “qualified hybrid vehicle”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 23-206.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 126 Senator Serafini**TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO THE USE OF SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Issues Related to the Use of Self-Driving Vehicles; requiring the Task Force to determine the most effective and appropriate best practices for governing self-driving vehicles based on a review of specified information; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make specified recommendations; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TR, § 2-404 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 127 Senator Serafini**INCOME TAX – ELIMINATION OF THE MARRIAGE PENALTY**

Reducing the State income tax rates imposed on married couples filing a joint income tax return and for specified individuals with income between \$150,000 and \$500,000; increasing the amount allowed as a deduction for specified exemptions for married couples and specified individuals to twice the amount allowed as a deduction for specified individuals; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, §§ 10-105(a) and 10-211 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 128 Senator Serafini**MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS – AUTHORITY TO OPERATE**

Repealing a condition under which a religious educational institution may operate without a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission and may enroll specified students in a specified online distance education program without a registration from the Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 11-202.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 129 Senator Conway**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS – SUBMISSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN – REPEAL OF DUPLICATIVE REQUIREMENT**

Repealing a duplicative requirement for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to submit a comprehensive master plan to the State Board of Education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 4-309 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 130 Senator Mathias**WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT FOR DRAFT BEER**

Establishing a refillable container permit for draft beer in Worcester County; authorizing the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to holders of a Class B or a Class D license; requiring licensees to complete the form provided by the Board and pay an annual permit fee of \$500; specifying that a refillable container permit holder is allowed to sell draft beer for off-premises consumption in a refillable container under specified conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Art. 2B, § 8-103 - amended and § 8-224.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 131 Senator Mathias**WORCESTER COUNTY – RECYCLING AT SPECIAL EVENTS – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting Worcester County from a requirement to revise its recycling plan by a specified date to address recycling at special events and exempting Worcester County from specified requirements regarding recycling at special events.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, §§ 9-1703(g) and 9-1712 - amended and § 9-1703(h) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 132 Senator Mathias (Chair, Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Areas)**CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION FOR THE CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS – MEMBERSHIP FROM OCEAN CITY**

Authorizing the Mayor of Ocean City to appoint a designee of the Mayor as a member of the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

NR, § 8-1804(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 133 Senator Mathias**SOMERSET COUNTY – TAX EXEMPTION FOR MANUFACTURING PROPERTY – DURATION**

Repealing the 5–year limitation on the maximum duration that a tax exemption for specified manufacturing property in Somerset County may be granted; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

PLL of Somerset County, Art. 20, § 11-101 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 134 Senator Mathias**SOMERSET COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Somerset County from not less than \$60,000 to not less than \$75,000; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 2-309(u)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 135 Senator Mathias**SOMERSET COUNTY – COMMISSIONERS – SALARY AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS**

Altering the salary of the County Commissioners of Somerset County from \$7,500 to \$8,500 for each Commissioner and from \$8,500 to \$9,500 for the President; altering the limit on reimbursements that each Commissioner may receive for specified expenses from \$2,500 to \$3,000; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of Somerset County, Art. 20, § 2-101 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 136 Senator Mathias**SOMERSET COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY**

Altering the salary of the State’s Attorney of Somerset County from \$98,000 to \$101,000; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 15-420 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 137 Senator Eckardt**INCOME TAX CREDIT – PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

Altering specified provisions of law concerning a credit against the State income tax for specified preservation and conservation easements to allow an individual or a member of a pass-through entity to claim the credit for an easement conveyed to the Maryland Environmental Trust, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, or the Department of Natural Resources under specified circumstances; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015 etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-723 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 138 Senator Eckardt**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – DORCHESTER COUNTY –
DORCHESTER COUNTY FAMILY YMCA**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Dorchester County Family YMCA, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Dorchester County Family YMCA building, located in Dorchester County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 139 Senator Eckardt**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – TALBOT COUNTY – PHILLIPS
WHARF AQUACULTURE JOBS TRAINING CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Phillips Wharf Aquaculture Jobs Training Center, located in Talbot County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 140 Senator Eckardt**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – TALBOT COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE
BAY MARITIME MUSEUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Governors of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, located in Talbot County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 141 Anne Arundel County Senators**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – WATER OR WASTEWATER SERVICES**

Authorizing Anne Arundel County to establish, modify, or abolish special taxing districts for the purpose of providing or expanding water or wastewater services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

LG, § 21-803.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 142 Anne Arundel County Senators**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – TAX SALE ADVERTISING**

Repealing a requirement that a specified notice of tax sale of property in Anne Arundel County be published in two newspapers published in the county; and requiring the notice to be published on the county's Web site.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, § 14-813(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 143 Anne Arundel County Senators**PROPERTY TAX – INTEREST ON REFUNDS**

Altering the rate of interest at which specified money is required to be refunded to a taxpayer on a final determination of an appeal concerning a county or municipal corporation property tax or taxing district property tax to equal the rate of interest equivalent to the historical rate of return for the county or municipal corporation, as certified by the State Treasurer.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, § 14-611 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 144 Anne Arundel County Senators**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County to provide that, beginning July 1, 2016, and every 2 years thereafter, one member shall be appointed by specified chambers of commerce on a rotating basis in a specified order; providing the term of the member appointed by a chamber of commerce is 2 years; and providing for the termination of the term of a specified member of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

ED, § 3-110(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 145 Senators Mathias and Eckardt**WICOMICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

Requiring that, beginning in 2018, members of the Wicomico County Board of Education be elected by districts and members be elected at large, as specified; providing that, alternatively, beginning in 2018, members of the Wicomico County Board of Education be elected by districts and members be appointed, as specified; establishing a School Board Nominating Commission; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of Wicomico County; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 3-105 and 3-114 - amended and §§ 3-13A-01 through 3-13A-06 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 146 Senator Cassilly**HARFORD COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY – SALARY**

Altering the annual salary of the State’s Attorney of Harford County to be equal to the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland; repealing a specified salary adjustment method; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the State’s Attorney of Harford County while serving in a specified term of office; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 15-413(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 147 Senators Hough and Young**INTERAGENCY DISABILITIES BOARD – MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES
– COMMUNITY INCLUSION TRAINING OVERSIGHT**

Altering the membership of the Interagency Disabilities Board; and requiring the Board to review the content and monitor the implementation of the training objectives and curriculum adopted by the Police Training Commission for a community inclusion training program at least once every 4 years or more frequently if requested by the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HU, §§ 7-128 and 7-131 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 148 Senator Feldman**CORPORATIONS AND REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS –
DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES – DUTIES AND IMMUNITY FROM
LIABILITY**

Clarifying the duties of a director of a corporation and that the director must act in good faith, in a manner the director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation, and with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a similar position would use under similar circumstances; clarifying that a director who acts in accordance with a specified provision of law shall have specified immunity from liability; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CA, §§ 2-401(a), 2-405.1, and 8-601.1 and CJ, § 5-417 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 149 Senator Simonaire**JUVENILE LAW – CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS**

Adding specified offenses to the list of offenses for which a law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests is required to issue a citation to a child under specified circumstances; and altering a specified definition.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-8A-01(dd) and 3-8A-33 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 150 **Senator Lee, et al****COURTS – PROHIBITION AGAINST TESTIMONY BY CONVICTED PERJURER – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on a person convicted of perjury from testifying in a proceeding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 9-104 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 151 **Senator Klausmeier****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ELECTIONS FOR JUDGES OF THE ORPHANS' COURT – PROCEDURES**

Providing that specified provisions of law govern the nomination and election of judges of the orphans' court in Baltimore County; authorizing a candidate for judge of the orphans' court in Baltimore County to file and appear on primary election ballots; requiring that the three candidates of each principal political party receiving the largest number of votes in the primary election appear on the general election ballot; prohibiting the political affiliation of candidates from being included on the general election ballot; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, § 5-203 - amended and §§ 8-901 through 8-903 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 152 **Senator Salling****DRIVING RECORDS – EXPUNGEMENT – REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TEST FOR INTOXICATION**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, at the request of a licensee, to expunge the licensee's public driving record solely with respect to the licensee's refusal to submit to a chemical test for intoxication if, at the time the request is made, the licensee has been charged with and found not guilty of a specified violation and a specified suspension or disqualification period has expired.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 16-117.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 153 Senator Reilly**DRIVERS' LICENSES, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND MOPED OPERATORS' PERMITS – ENHANCED IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to make available to an applicant for a driver's license, an identification card, or a moped operator's permit the opportunity to upgrade to an enhanced identification document; establishing that the Administration may issue an enhanced identification document to individuals who provide proof of identity, State residence, and United States' citizenship; requiring an individual who applies for such an identification document to provide to the Administration a biometric identifier; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 12-305 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 154 Senator Reilly**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – THE ARC OF THE CENTRAL CHESAPEAKE REGION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region facility, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 155 Senator Reilly**PUBLIC BODIES – USE AND RETENTION OF E-MAIL – REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting an employee of a public body from creating or maintaining government e-mail by using a personal e-mail account; requiring an employee of a public body, under specified circumstances, to forward government e-mail to the official e-mail account of the employee within 5 days after the government e-mail is received; requiring each public body to retain government e-mail for a minimum of 7 years or, under specified circumstances, permanently; requiring the State Archivist to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, §§ 4.5-101 through 4.5-103 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 156 Senator Cassilly**CRIMINAL LAW – PARTICIPATION IN COURT PROCEEDINGS – RETALIATION**

Prohibiting a person from retaliating against a juror or an officer of the court for the performance of official duties in a State or federal court; prohibiting a person from soliciting another to retaliate against a juror or an officer of the court for the performance of official duties in a State or federal court; applying specified penalties to a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 9-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 157 Senator Cassilly**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE – REPEAL OF SENTENCING PROCEEDING**

Repealing specified provisions of law that provide a separate jury proceeding to determine whether a person convicted of first degree murder is sentenced to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole or imprisonment for life; establishing that a court may sentence a person convicted of first degree murder to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole without the requirement of a separate jury sentencing procedure under specified circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 2-201(b) and 2-203 - amended and §§ 2-304 and 2-305 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 158 Senator Cassilly**CRIMINAL LAW – ARSON, BURNING, MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION, AND THEFT – PROPERTY OF ANOTHER – DEFINITION**

Defining the term “property of another” as used in specified provisions prohibiting arson, burning, and the malicious destruction of property to conform with the definition found in provisions relating to theft and related crimes; and clarifying that the “property of another” includes a tenant by the entirety.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 6-101(d) - added and §§ 6-101(d) and (e), 6-301, and 7-101(j) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 159 Senator Cassilly**CRIMINAL LAW – SECOND-DEGREE MURDER – PENALTY**

Increasing, from 30 years to 40 years, the maximum term of imprisonment that may be imposed for the offense of second-degree murder.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 2-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 160 Senator Cassilly**DEATH OR LIFE-THREATENING INJURY BY MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL – SUBSEQUENT OFFENDERS – PENALTIES**

Establishing specified subsequent offender penalties for specified offenses that result in the death or life-threatening injury to another as the result of a specified person driving, operating, or controlling a vehicle or vessel; and providing that specified offenses committed in another state or federal jurisdiction are to be considered for the application of specified subsequent offender penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 2-209, 2-210, 2-503 through 2-506, and 3-211 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 161 **Senator Hough, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE**

Authorizing the forfeiture of specified property under specified circumstances; prohibiting a law enforcement agency or prosecuting authority from directly or indirectly transferring or referring seized property to a federal government agency or law enforcement authority for forfeiture under federal law unless specified conditions are met; authorizing a defendant or third party to file a motion for writ of replevin in the criminal case if the defendant or third party claims that he or she has the right to possession of specified property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, §§ 12-103 and 12-203 - amended and §§ 12-203.1, 13-601, and 13-602 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 162 **Senator Astle****GAS COMPANIES – INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS – AMENDMENT TO A PLAN**

Altering from 120 to 150 the number of days during which the Public Service Commission is required to take a final action after a gas company files an amendment to an approved plan to invest in eligible infrastructure replacement projects.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

PU, § 4-210(e) - amended

Assigned to: Finance